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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have approved the retirement of Lieutenant General John B. Sylvester, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list. I certify that Lieutenant General Sylvester has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. Lieutenant General Sylvester, who is 57 years of age, currently serves as the Chief of Staff, United States European Command. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

David S. C. Chu

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee  
The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

